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In re Patent Application of:

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For: IMAGING ELEMENT, IMAGING DEVICE,
CAMERA MODULE AND CAMERA SYSTEM

Examiner: J. B. Wilson

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 7, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 200050222), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks that follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the final Office Action dated April 7, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 200050222). Claims 2 and 4-11 are pending where claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10 are independent.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2, 10, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over *Ueda*, U.S. Patent No. 6,122,009 in view of *Majumdar et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,187,522. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The instant application was filed on August 31, 2000 and is wholly owned by Sony Corporation as evidenced by the recorded Assignment on Reel 011616 at Frame 0225. *Ueda*